



"Mamma, what were these things ever used for?"

#### AN OLD IDEA.

The oldest thing alive in the way of sport is the institution of the Olympic games. It takes back to Spartan times in the eighth century Before Christ, and was started originally as a means of training young men for war. This year's Olympiad is at Stockholm, Sweden. Twenty-seven countries will be represented by over 3,000 athletes. Japs, Chinese and

Turks will compete with Europeans and Americans. In the 27 centuries we have gained one thing, the Olympic games are now for pure physical prowess, not for war.

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